

PROGRAM CONNECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes for
Friday, January 21, 2005

Present: Edie Sprehn, John Rathman, Amy Mendel-Clemens, Liz Mahloch, Shirley Kitchen, Marilyn Putz, Hal Menendez, Kelly Blaschke, Shirley Ross, Gerry Mayhew.

Absent: Jodi Ross, Mike Poma, Gloria Guitan

IMAC Updates

John Rathman provided the group with IMAC updates. Highlights included:

1. IMAC will be disbanding the Fraud Subcommittee and those issues will be referred to other existing subcommittees.
2. FoodShare MERs
3. FoodShare Payment Accuracy
4. Bureau of Eligibility Management organizational chart
5. Several Administrator's Memos are being written or will be going out shortly
 - Fraud Allocation
 - Funeral and Cemetery Aids
 - IT Approval Process
 - CWW Roll Out
6. Medicare Part D scheduled to be implemented 1/06.

NOTE: IMAC minutes can be found at <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/em/imac/>.

Review Purpose and Scope of Committee

The group is interested in adding Child Welfare, Child Support and Children First representatives to the group. Amy M-C will attempt to get someone from DHFS to attend. Edie Sprehn will pursue representatives from the other two areas.

A brief description/overview of the NGA grant and Bridges to Collaboration were given by Edie and Gerry.

There was a discussion regarding the difference between this group and the Program and Policy Coordination IMAC Subcommittee. The main difference is that this group has representation from both departments representing the program areas (W-2, CC, FS and MA) and it deals with process.

The group would like to expand its membership to include policy analysts from W-2, ChildCare, FoodShare and Medicaid. Amy M-C will pursue representation from FS and MA and Edie will follow up with W-2 and CC.

Current Membership

Current membership was discussed. A copy of the last membership list that was developed for this group in 2004 is attached. According to the subcommittee, the current membership list (2005) includes:

Edie Sprehn (DWD)
Amy Mendel-Clemens (DHFS)
John Rathman (Out. Co.)
Gerry Mayhew (DWD)
Jodi Ross (DHFS)
Liz Mahloch (Sheboygan Co.)
Shirley Kitchen (Dodge Co.)
Marilyn Putz (Kaiser)
Shirley Ross (LaCrosse Co.)
Kelly Blaschke (Maximus)
Mike Poma (Milwaukee Co.)
Gloria Guitan (Milwaukee Co.)
Hal Menendez (L.A.W.)

2005 Program Connections Work Plan

The group discussed issues they would like to have on our work plan for 2005. They include:

1. Child Care SMRF (Amy M-C informed the group that work has begun on this and that a workgroup has been formed which includes local agency staff).
2. Fraud/Benefit Recovery
3. Child Care systems
4. Better coordination with W-2, Child Support and Children First
5. Energy Programs Coordination
6. IM Funding Formula – suggesting a similar process happen for TANF
7. Better coordination with Child Welfare
8. Verification policy

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